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SUBJ US ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM VISIT TO EAST BERLIN

1. US ADMIN TEAM HAD CORDIAL BUT RELATIVELY UNEVENTFUL OPENING SESSION WITH GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AUGUST 12. MEETING LASTED ONLY SOME 90 MINUTES AND WAS CONCERNED CHIEFLY WITH FIXING WORK PROGRAM THROUGH THURSDAY, AUGUST 15. EAST GERMANS AGREED TO SHOW US TEAM OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ON AUGUST 13. THEY ALSO AGREED TO SEEK MOVE UP DATE, ORIGINALLY SET FOR AUGUST 17, ON WHICH US TECHNICAL PERSONNEL MIGHT INSPECT HAUS DES HANDWERKS, PROPOSED CHANCERY SITE.

2. ONLY SURPRISE DURING OPENING SESSION WAS EAST GERMAN SUGGESTION THAT USG PROPERTY ON PARISER PLATZ MIGHT BE EXCHANGED FOR HAUS DES HANDWERKS BUILDING. EAST GERMANS SAID THEY COULD ONLY MAKE PROPOSAL IN GENERAL TERMS, AND WERE NOT NOW PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC VALUE OF EITHER PROPERTY. US REPS EXPRESSED INTEREST PROVIDED BUILDING RESTORED BY GDR BEFORE EXCHANGE. US REPS ADDED THAT CONCRETE PROPOSAL WAS NEEDED BEFORE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OF IDEA COULD BEGIN.

3. US TEAM AGAIN ASKED GDR FOR STRUCTURAL SPECIFICATIONS ON HAUS DES HANDWERKS BUILDING REQUESTED IN JUNE.

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EAST GERMANS INDICATED THAT ENGINEERING WORK

WAS NEARING COMPLETION AND THAT RESULTS WOULD BE
SUBMITTED TO US TEAM BEFORE END OF WEEK.KLEIN

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